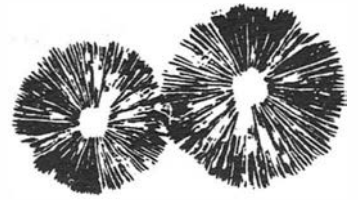


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CALENDAR

Dec. 13 Membership meeting, 7:30 PM, CUH
Dec. 16 *Spore Prints* deadline
Dec. 19 Board meeting, 7:30 PM, CUH
Jan. 10 Membership meeting, 7:30 PM, CUH



BOARD NEWS

Dick Sieger

The board officially thanked two members for extraordinary service to PSMS: Marshall Palmer for leading the series of basic and intermediate mushroom ID classes, and Joanne Young for managing the Annual Exhibit. Net income from the Annual Exhibit was several hundred dollars, not including book sales and membership. PSMS will have a booth at the Northwest Garden Show at the Trade Center on February 22-26. NAMA has not yet paid a bill from the 1993 foray, so we will deduct this year's membership fee from that bill instead of paying cash. Lorraine Dod was appointed PSMS's representative to NAMA. She was also designated registered agent for the PSMS corporation. Marsi Di Giovanni reported that our new insurance policy covering liability and equipment is now in effect. We sold \$639.85 in books at the November meeting, of which we keep 20%; books appropriate for gifts will be for sale at the December meeting. PSMS hopes to assemble a collection of slide carousels, each having photographs of one genus, family, or subject; these will be used by PSMS instructors and speakers, eliminating tedious slide selection and replacement. Some slides can come from our library. Dr. Ammirati will give us others and will let us make copies from his collection. I wore a tie to the meeting.



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

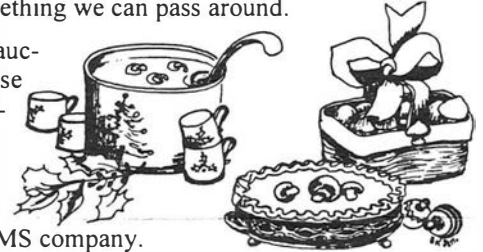
Tuesday, December 13, 1994, at 7:30 PM in the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 N.E. 41st Street, Seattle

Join us for our annual holiday gathering. No business, just eating and socializing. Bring your favorite holiday treat to share—cookies, finger foods, cheese, or fruits. Please either use a disposable plate or mark your name clearly on your plate. The table decorations and beverages will be provided by PSMS board members with help from Kathreen Otwell.

Bring 12 slides to share, so we can see what fun times you and your family have been enjoying. If you only have prints, bring them in something we can pass around.

A gift for a silent auction will help raise funds for the President's discretionary fund.

Come eat, have fun, and enjoy PSMS company.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Patrice Benson

Our mountain mushroom habitats are under their winter blankets, and our Seattle skies are back to normal. Now is the time to turn our thoughts to indoor activities and our PSMS business affairs. Our mushroom exhibit was a great success thanks to Chair Joanne Young and all of her merry supporters. Thanks one and all for all of the hard work. A special thanks is due to Brian Luther, the sorters, and the identifiers, who worked into the night to pass on their knowledge of the taxonomy of our wild fungi. If you would someday like to be able to identify like our best, be sure to sign up for the mushroom classes when they are announced in the *Spore Prints*. Marshall Palmer, the Education Chair, has done a terrific job of planning and running these classes.

The nominating committee is busy taking suggestions from the membership concerning possible candidates for the board and for the office of Vice President. If you have the name of a likely candidate, please phone Lynn Phillips, Mary Lynch, or Mark Schnarre. Volunteer yourself or nominate an agreeable friend.

If you are collecting mushrooms for the pot or for study, be aware that permission is needed. There is increasing concern for the safety and health of visitors to private property, so please notify security officers on, for example, college campuses and other facilities that you would like to collect and, in the case of edibles, that you know what you are collecting.

Don't miss the PSMS annual "cookie bash," which is held at our December meeting. Please bring a plate of hors d'oeuvres or cookies to share. Also, you may bring a silent auction item for our FUNgi FUNdraiser.

We hope to be working on our slide library, creating new groupings of our current slides which can be ready for lectures and lecturers. Stay tuned!

The morel inoculation took place last month on DNR land. It's all tucked in under its snowy blanket to await the warming thaws of spring. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we get fruiting in the plots and quick land recovery from the devastating fires of last summer.

I'm looking forward to the New Year and the possibilities that it brings.

1994 ANNUAL EXHIBIT

Joanne Young

Many, many thanks to all the PSMS members who helped to make the 1994 Mushroom Exhibit a pleasure and a success. Everybody just did a great job, and it was a joy to see it all happen. The committee chair people were terrific: well organized, committed, and full of ideas. To all of you who collected specimens, set up and took down the show, tended stations throughout the weekend, cooked potluck items, and hauled away compostables and recyclables, the show could not have happened without you. Thank you all for your energy, knowledge, and enthusiasm.

A couple of things were new this year and deserve recognition. Thanks to Marshall Palmer and all who acted as tour guides, we were again able to offer guided tours of the mushroom trays. About 200 people participated in tours. Thomas Moore's new video microscopy display was also very popular. Mary Robins videotaped the exhibit and should have the edited version ready in a few months.

Attendance was around 870, and about 55 new members joined our society. The financial figures are not all in yet, but it looks like the show was a financial success.

In years past, a mushroom species count was made at the exhibit. It wasn't done this year, but it may not be too late. The labels still need to be sorted, and the count could be made in the process. Any one interested could call me at 633-0752 or call Larry Baxter at 652-2482. Again, thank you all for a job well done.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Frances Ikeda

I would like to thank the following businesses and individuals, who graciously contributed items for the Annual Exhibit raffle:

City Cellars Fine Wines and Foods
City People's Garden Store
Essential Baking Company
Fungi Perfecti
The Herbfarm
Larry's Markets
Molbak's Greenhouse and Nursery
Ultra Art Gallery and Framing
Uwajimayi
Anonymous
Elsie Burkman
Lorraine Dod
Taylor Lockwood
William Zila & Charlotte Turner-Zila

TREE ID WORKSHOP

Marshall Palmer

Eleven hardy souls met on a blustery afternoon at the Washington Park Arboretum, November 6th, to learn to identify Washington's native trees. Arboretum Foundation member Martha Mercer spent 2 hours with us, pointing out many of the key features that distinguish hemlocks from Douglas firs from true firs from spruces. After covering the conifers, we studied the broad-leafed natives and managed to find some *Armillaria mellea* and *Boletus zelleri* underfoot. For those of you who were unable to attend, Martha has expressed her willingness to repeat the workshop in the spring.



THANKS FOR THE ID CLASSES

Marshall Palmer

This past year, 65 enthusiastic members registered for ID classes. A sincere thanks is due to the 12 individuals who generously volunteered their time as instructors. In addition to giving up weekday evenings, many of these instructors spent several hours collecting mushrooms so that students would have ample specimens to work with; others spent additional time preparing representative slide programs of our local species. As you meet any of the following members in the coming weeks, please give each a hearty handshake and pat on the back for their contributions.

Larry Baxter	Margaret Dilly	Lynn Phillips
Denis Benjamin	Irwin Kleinman	George Rafanelli
Patrice Benson	Coleman Leuthy	Dick Sieger
Sara Clark	Mary Lynch	Ben Woo

A special thanks is also due to Beth Schnarre for ensuring that sufficient copies of texts and study materials were always on hand, and to Mari-Claire Uccello for getting our slide file back in working order. Check the March 1995 *Spore Prints* for an announcement of the next Basic Identification Class.

TWANOH STATE PARK

Irwin Kleinman and
Brian Luther

The low tide was at 6:34 AM, but several intrepid souls had their limits of oysters by the time the field trip shaped up at 9:00 AM. Discounting the fact that the day threatened rain, by 10 o'clock the sun was shining, and the hunt proceeded both north and south of Hood Canal. Some fearless ones went as far as Lake Cushman, where supposedly the Tacoma Mycological Society would reign that day. No contact was made with them.

Eighty-seven species of fungi were identified by Brian Luther and Dick Sieger. Unusual specimens included *Russula urens*, *Cortinarius cyanites* (a violet-colored mushroom that stains reddish inside when cut), *Collybia peronata* (rare in North America, with a densely hairy lower stipe and a very hot, peppery taste), and *Ramaria velocimutans*, which was found in abundance.

Approximately 50 members mustered, and 30 stayed for potluck. Francis and Inga McGuire hosted—furnishing chicken and dumplings. Wayne Elston and Patrice Stierlen provided a hot seafood soup, which was welcome as the evening again was damp and cold.

Old timers Dave Schmitt (Elma) and Arthur Fick (Bremerton) participated in the activities, reminiscing about "The Good Old Days." They say "Hi" to all their old friends.

An electrical defect resulting in cancellation of the microscope program, and the tired "shroomers" departed early for the Washington State ferries.

ONLY IN SPAIN

Associated Press

10/20/94—A Spaniard collecting wild mushrooms in the hills north of Madrid was killed Thursday by a fighting bull that escaped from its pen in a nearby village, authorities said.

Juan Antonio Mena, 50, was gored repeatedly by the bull after it surprised him and two friends taking part in the popular autumn pastime.

The paramilitary Civil Guard shot the bull to death and carried Mena to an ambulance waiting on a nearby highway. He was pronounced dead at a Madrid hospital.

TRAGEDY IN TURKEY

Reuter News

11/25/94—Istanbul health officials have banned wild mushroom hunting after 18 people died of poisoning and about 175 fell ill.

Hurriyet Yilmaz, of the health department, said Friday the ban on collecting, buying, and selling wild mushrooms was issued in response to the outbreak, which began November 18.

She said 49 people remained in the hospital with symptoms of poisoning, two in very serious condition. More than 125 people were treated and released.

Warnings were issued over state-owned TRT television, and forestry officials have been asked to post notices near popular mushrooming sites.

Officials blame heavy rains that have created ideal conditions for wild mushrooms and lack of knowledge by would-be gourmets

MUSHROOM MISSIONARIES

Dick Sieger took 12 people for mushrooming and a picnic on October 15, a trip donated to the Pike Place Market Foundation fund-raising auction.

George Rafanelli gave a talk and slide show to the Women's Sunny View Garden Club at their meeting on Beacon Hill on November 1. A very responsive group greatly appreciated the program, and two have since brought fungi for identification.

On November 5, **Brian Luther** gave a 1-hour color slide lecture entitled "An Introduction to the Fungi: A Brief Survey of Some Common Edible and Poisonous Mushrooms Found in Western Washington" to a group of about 50 people at the Mason Country Library in Shelton. After the lecture, he took the group outside on the library grounds, where they talked about mycorrhizae and the importance of fungi to the environment and looked at some of the mushrooms coming up in the lawns and beds. After that, **Joy Spurr** and Brian identified the collections that everybody had brought in.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Nominations are open for Vice-President, Secretary, and Board members. See Lynn Phillips, Mary Lynch, or Mark Schnarre to nominate yourself or a friend (with permission). Nominations will be taken from the floor at the next two meetings.

NOTES OF THIS AND THAT

PSMS Artists: Quilt artist **Elizabeth Hendricks** has had pieces in two shows in the Seattle area, one in the "New Works" show in the Seattle Convention Place on the Galleria level (through December 28) and two in the "Fabric Innovations" show at the North Seattle Community College Art Gallery (through November 6). She also had two pieces in the Pacific International Quilt Show in San Francisco in October and two in the American International Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas, in November. **Elsie Burkman** has sculptures on display at the Seattle Public Library.

Sick Call: Elsie Burkman had a heart pacemaker installed November 15. She is back at home and recuperating nicely.

New Address: Membership Chair **Bernice Velategui** has (yet another) new address (same phone number, 206 232-0845):

2929 76th Ave SE, #504
Mercer Island, WA 98040

Tour: "Truffles and Wine—The Magic of Provence," February 17-25, \$1,278 plus airfare to France. Includes hunting with a truffle dog. Contact Wine Lovers International (800) 256-0141. [We don't know these folks, so you'll want to check them out.]

PSMS DUES ARE DUE

Unless you joined PSMS after October 1, 1994, your membership expires the end of this month. Please return the enclosed renewal form, along with a check and a self-addressed envelope, to Membership Chair Bernice Velategui, 2929 76th Ave SE, #504, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

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